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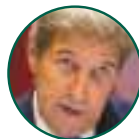
I The Obama administration on Thursday finalized rules requiring federal contractors to provide paid sick leave to employees and expanding the type of data employers must provide on their pay practices. U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez told reporters in a phone call that the sick leave rule would directly affect more than 1.1 million workers. Effective Jan. 1, it will require companies working on federal contracts to provide up to seven days of earned leave. "You shouldn't have to win the boss lottery or the geographic lottery to have access to paid sick leave," Perez said, noting that the rule would help businesses by decreasing turnover and ensuring sick employees don't show up for work. **REUTERS**

US BACKS UPGRADED
WIRELESS EMERGENCY
ALERTS AFTER BOMBING

2 The U.S. Federal Communications Commission on Thursday approved rules requiring wireless carriers to provide upgraded emergency alerts including more information than currently allowed such as photos and web links, acting after the system was used to help find the suspect in Sept. 17 New York and New Jersey bombings. The alert system, in place since 2012, is typically used to send messages to mobile phone users to warn of dangerous weather or find missing children but can be employed for security threats. The FCC said the new rules will take effect over the next one to 2½ years. A trade association representing wireless providers said it expects it will take more than a year to develop industry standards before some aspects of enhanced alerts are in place. Shortcomings in the current system emerged after authorities in New York City used the U.S. Wireless Emergency Alert system to seek help to find the suspect in the bombings in Manhattan and the New Jersey shore. **REUTERS**

KERRY: US ON VERGE
OF SUSPENDING TALKS
WITH RUSSIA ON SYRIA

3 A The United States is on the verge of suspending talks with Russia on trying to implement a cease-fire agreement to end the violence in Syria, Secretary of State John Kerry said Thursday. "We are on the verge of suspending the discussion because it is irrational in the context of the kind of bombing taking place to be sitting there trying to take things seriously," Kerry told an audience in Washington. "It is one of those moments where we are going to have to pursue other alternatives," he added. **REUTERS**



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1. What has the Metropolitan Museum of Art done to cut its budget deficit?
2. Which Jets are nursing injuries heading into Week 4 against the Seahawks?
3. Who does Kate Hudson finally share a brief scene with for the first time in "Deepwater Horizon"?



People are treated for their injuries outside after a NJ Transit train crashed into the platform at Hoboken Terminal. **GETTY IMAGES**

One killed, more than 100
injured, when commuter train
slams into Hoboken rail station

NTSB investigators will look for "event recorder" devices for clues to the cause of the accident.

One person was killed and 108 injured, some critically, when a New Jersey Transit commuter train failed to reduce speed and crashed into Hoboken Terminal at the height of Thursday morning rush hour, transit officials said.

The train came into the station at a "much too high a rate of speed," did not stop, went through the barriers and "right into the wall," said New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie during an afternoon news conference.

"We're not going to speculate about the cause of the accident," he said.

The one fatality was Hoboken resident Fabiola Bittar de Kroon, 34, who was standing on the platform and was struck by falling debris, ABC7 reported.

Of the 108 injured, three were considered to be in critical condition, hospital officials said, adding that their injuries weren't life-threatening. Most of those injured were treated for cuts and bruises and released from

local hospitals. Many had walked to the emergency rooms, while others were transported via buses and ambulances, officials said.

The train's conductor, identified as 48-year-old Thomas Gallagher who was found slumped over the control board following the crash, was critically injured, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said during the afternoon news conference. He is conscious and cooperating with investigators, Cuomo said.

Service into and out of the station is expected to be suspended for at least three days as they assess the "extensive structural damage," officials told Metro. Part of the terminal's roof collapsed from the crash.

Police and NJ Transit officials declined to speculate on why the accident occurred.

Preliminary reports indicated the No. 1614 train on the Pascack Valley line, was traveling from Spring Valley to Hoboken when it struck the terminal building on Track 5 around 8:45 a.m.

The train went "over the bumper block, right through the depot" and came to a stop at a wall just before the station's waiting area," Michael Larson, a NJ Transit em-

ployee who was one of the first responders at the crash scene, told reporters during a CNN broadcast.

New Jersey Transit initially reported that many passengers were trapped inside a rail car, ABC News said on its website. Fox News said the engineer, or train driver, had to be extricated from the front car.

Passengers helped each other off the train and onto the platform. They ultimately had to cross the tracks to get to safety. "When we got on the platform there was nowhere to go," one passenger said. "The ceiling had come down."

Some of the injured sat on benches in the station while they waited for emergency responders.

By noon, all the passengers had been removed from the train and been sent to two area hospitals.

Hoboken lies on the west bank of the Hudson River across from New York City. Its station, one of the busiest in the metropolitan area, is used by many commuters traveling into Manhattan from New Jersey and further afield.

The historic green-roofed Hoboken Station is served by NJ Transit commuter trains connecting

much of New Jersey with the country's largest city, as well as PATH, a more local subway-like service going into Manhattan, a local light rail service and ferry service to New York.

Investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board arrived at the station in the late afternoon, but said they wouldn't begin to sift through the wreckage until it was deemed safe to do so. They said they will retrieve two "event recorder" devices, similar to the black box aboard aircraft, which provide data about the train at the time of the crash.

In May 2011, a Port Authority of New York and New Jersey train crashed at the same Hoboken station, injuring more than 30 people when it plowed into a bumping post at the end of the track. An NTSB investigation determined excessive speed was the main cause of the accident.

The worst passenger train crash in recent years in the United States was the crash of an Amtrak train in Philadelphia in May, 2015 that killed eight passengers and injured 186.

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5 Things Only a Bronx Zoo Keeper Knows

Have you ever caught a tiger? Or seen a lion raise its flippers? As part of National Zoo Keeper Week, the Bronx Zoo is sharing some of the secrets, in fact. But don't miss out – if you want to know more, plan a trip to the Bronx Zoo this week, to see the keeper chat. If you join the keeperweek challenge, you could even win a great prize.



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'Oh, my God, he's not slowing up'

Eyewitnesses saw blood and a body.



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A gray morning turned into a grim calamity for commuters and Hobokenites Thursday. People at Hoboken Station witnessed NJ Transit train No. 1614 barrel into the terminal, blast through the barriers and stop only after it went through the wall.

Trains entering a station are supposed to slow to 10 mph. But this train originating in Spring Valley, New York, arrived at its final Hoboken stop around 8:30 a.m. at a much greater, still-unknown speed.

The train came in with an ear-drum piercing shriek "like nails on a chalkboard" said Matt Thompson, 25, who was swiping through the turnstile when it happened. The shriek was followed by a boom, and then "a deafening silence."

What Thompson, a recent transplant from Florida, saw next shook him for hours. A cloud of dust came up from the platform along with people screeching and running towards him, some scrambling on their hands and knees up the stairs.

Most of the injuries happened inside the train where people were knocked against the walls and floor. Streams of blood



Passengers rush to safety after a NJ Transit train crashed in to the platform at the Hoboken Terminal in Hoboken, New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES

covered their faces and hands. The train's conductor, Thomas Gallagher, 48, was found hunched over the controls.

Linda Albelli, 62, said she was sitting in her seat in one of the rear cars when the train approached the station. She said she knew something was wrong a moment before the impact.

"I thought to myself, 'Oh, my God, he's not slowing up, and this is where we usually stop,'"

Albelli said. "'We're going too fast,' and with that there was this tremendous crash."

Live wires, steel beams and water rained over the platform.

Norfolk Southern train engineer William Blaine said he was getting coffee when he heard what sounded like a bomb exploding.

The ceiling, or "canopy" of the station collapsed. Falling debris killed Hoboken resident

Fabiola Bittar de Kroon, 34, who was standing on the platform. At least 108 people suffered injuries ranging from minor scrapes to life-threatening traumas, officials said.

Following the incident, many have questioned whether the train had a safety feature called Positive Train Control, or PTC, which would automatically stop a train if it was going to derail or crash. But it's not yet known if the train had

it — or if it would have prevented this particular accident.

National Transportation Safety Board's Vice Chairman Cahir Bella Dinh-Zarr, speaking at a news conference indicated that the NTSB had recommended installing PTC for several years.

She noted similarities between this incident and when a Port Authority train crashed at Hoboken Station in

2011 that injured more than 30, that was also traveling at an excessive speed.

Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer said it was "a tragedy for our city."

"As the mayor of Hoboken and knowing it is a Hoboken resident we lost today, one loss is too many losses," she said. "We didn't lose anyone in [Superstorm] Sandy, so this is heart-breaking for Hoboken."

How to commute in and out of Hoboken



JULIANNE AERTS

New Jersey Transit rail service in and out of Hoboken Terminal remains indefinitely suspended following Thursday morning's train wreck at Hoboken Terminal.

Hudson Bergen Light Rail service into and out of Hoboken also remains suspended. NY Waterway ferry service is restored in and out of the Hoboken Terminal.

PATH service to and from Hoboken has been resumed. Passengers have been told to expect residual delays.

For the latest transit updates, visit

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Other details:

- There will be limited rail shuttle service on the Montclair-Boonton line west of Montclair State University (MSU)—between MSU and Denville stations.
- The Gladstone Branch will have its two regularly scheduled midtown direct trains in addition to rail shuttles between Gladstone and Summit.

- There will be rail shuttle service on the Morris & Essex Lines between Hackettstown and Dover.
- Bus shuttle service will operate between Secaucus Junction and Liberty State Park Light Rail Station, with service beginning at 6 a.m. and continuing throughout the day until midnight. The service will operate on a load-and-go basis from bus lanes 8, 9 and 10 during

peak hours. During off-peak hours, service will continue to operate less frequently, based upon demand. NJ Transit rail tickets and passes will be cross-honored on the shuttle service.

- People who want to go to Secaucus to the Jersey City waterfront should use the shuttle bus service to Liberty State Park and make a connection to Hudson-Bergen Light Rail

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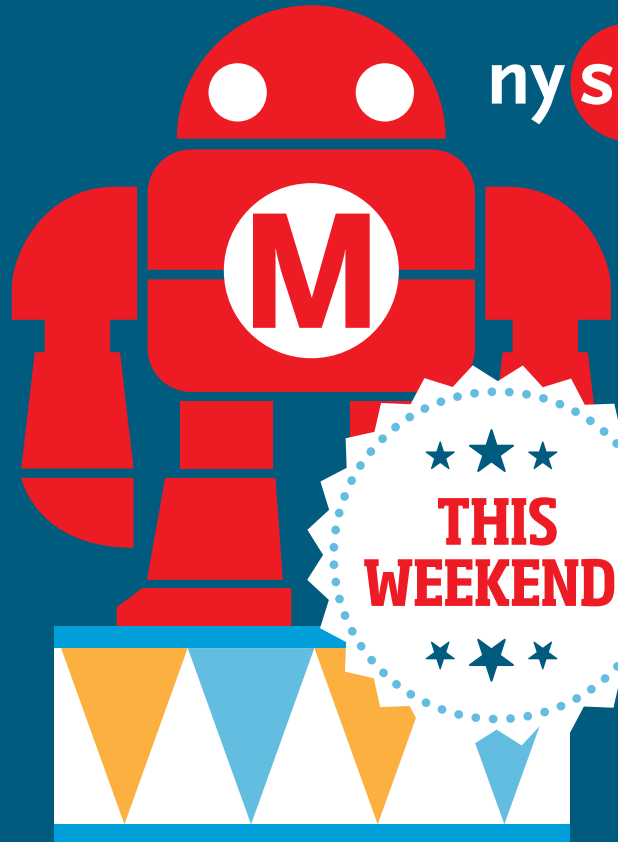
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De Blasio seeks Rivington House redemption with proposed LES project

"Rivington House's conversion to luxury housing never should have happened," de Blasio said of the deal that earned the city \$16 million.



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Mayor Bill de Blasio announced a plan on Thursday to build affordable housing and a health care facility that will replace a nursing home on the Lower East Side that was closed last year.

The mayor announced the plan during a hearing that took place seven months after the shutdown of Rivington House nursing home. The city plans to seek bids for construction of the project in 2017, according to the mayor's office, a move that will begin to fund the hole left when a "mishandled deed modification" resulted in the sale of Rivington House to a developer for luxury condos.

The city received \$16 million in exchange for lifting the deed restrictions and allowing the



Rivington House was permanently closed when it was sold to a developer for luxury housing. GOOGLE MAPS

nursing home's conversion to luxury housing. According to the mayor's office, that money will be used to fund the new development.

The de Blasio administration was sharply criticized for lifting the deed restrictions.

The city is looking at 30 Pike St. on the Lower East Side, less than a

mile from Rivington House, as the site of future development. The property is owned by Department of Environmental Protection and will be reconfigured to accommodate the new project as well as DEP's operations, according to the mayor's office.

"Rivington House's conversion to luxury

housing never should have happened," de Blasio said. "This community was the victim of a broken process, city error and unscrupulous developers looking to make a buck. Our reforms will prevent that from ever happening again. This investment is a reflection of our unwavering commitment

to the health of this neighborhood."

The city announced reforms in July to "provide more transparency and accountability for the public," the mayor's office said.

The reforms will formally require the city to consider public value of a project that seeks modifications to land-

use restrictions. Freddi Goldstein, a spokesman from the mayors office, said the office is still "in the process of enacting the reforms." He added "We're in a period of public comment," and said there will be a hearing on Nov. 1.

The Rivington deal is under investigation by at least four agencies, the New York Post reported.

Thursday's hearing was originally scheduled in July, but was pushed back; according to the Post, some councilmembers speculate that the man heading up Thursday's hearing, Councilmember Vincent Gentile, chairman of the Oversight Committee, whose close ties to the mayor have been blamed for the Rivington House deal, played a role in the hearing's timing.

"He's very much the mayor's puppet," one councilmember told the Post. "He was one of the first to endorse de Blasio when a lot of people weren't coming out to support him."

"New Yorkers have a right to know what happened," Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito said, the Post reported. Mark-Viverito has control over scheduling meetings.

Met lays off 34 to cut budget deficit

The Metropolitan Museum of Art has laid off 34 employees in an effort to cut a budget deficit, according to art news publications.

The museum, one of the largest in the country, faces an estimated \$10 million budget deficit, though some reports suggest the financial shortfall could approach \$40 million, Artnet reported.

A majority of those who were laid off worked in the digital media department. The number of employees who lost jobs was fewer than the Met had anticipated.

"These are difficult



The Metropolitan Museum of Art building at 81st St. and Fifth Ave. GETTY IMAGES

decisions. We're disappointed to be losing good colleagues, but we're making very good progress on the process

we put in motion," Daniel H. Weiss, the Met's president and chief operating officer, told The New York

Times. "Our goal was to meet the budget objectives that we have without in any way diminishing the core mission of the museum."

As part of its cost-cutting moves, the museum might reduce the number of exhibitions it organizes every year, The Art Newspaper reported. It also hopes to increase revenue from ticketing and retail operations.

Prior to the layoffs, the museum employed about 2,200 workers.

Fifty staff members accepted buyouts in July. GARY KANE

BRIEF

Taxidermy kittens centerpiece of New York exhibit

A New York museum seeks to explore the strange and profound connections humans have with preserved animals through an exhibit titled "Taxidermy: Art, Science & Immortality."

The exhibit, hosted by the Morbid Anatomy Museum in Brooklyn and running through Nov. 6, includes over 100 artfully preserved animals, many of which are antique pieces.

It includes some extinct creatures such as the passenger pigeon and a heath hen, a common bird in North America until it was hunted to extinction in 1932.

"Taxidermy has enjoyed a bit of a resurgence over the past

few years, and we do see a lot of hobbyists making their own taxidermy," curator J.D. Powe told Reuters.

The highlight of the exhibit's anthropomorphic section, which features animals dressed up like humans and consists mostly of pieces from the Victorian era, is an elaborate wedding scene titled "The Kittens' Wedding" created by British taxidermist Walter Potter.

The tableau created by British taxidermist Walter Potter in 1890, features about 20 kittens fully dressed in Victorian-era attire including jewelry and boutonnieres.

Other works in the exhibit include dioramas of squirrels drinking tea and an adult frog spanking a child frog. REUTERS

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Kansas, ACLU reach temporary agreement on voter ID

The Kansas Secretary of State and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) have reached a temporary agreement over the state's voter registration laws, keeping Kansas' chief elections officer from a contempt of court hearing, according to court documents filed on Thursday.

The deal between Secretary of State Kris Kobach and the ACLU comes six weeks before

the U.S. presidential election.

The two sides have been at odds over a Kansas law requiring people to prove American citizenship if they want to register to vote while applying for a driver's license. Critics say this requirement disenfranchises voters, especially minorities.

The deal will allow people who registered at motor vehicle offices or with a federal form without providing citizenship documents to vote in the Nov. 8

election with a standard ballot, rather than be forced to use a provisional one, the ACLU and Kobach said in a status report filed on Thursday.

Kobach will also clarify his office's website to help voters find information more easily, according to the report filed to U.S. District Judge Julie Robinson.

Robinson had ordered Kobach, a Republican, to explain by Thursday why he should not

be held in contempt for failing to obey a federal order issued in May.

That order required him to register people who applied to vote at motor vehicle offices or with a federal form without proof of citizenship.

Robinson canceled the contempt hearing scheduled for Friday, according to her own court filing, citing the ACLU and Kobach's agreement.

REUTERS

Congress rejects Obama veto, Saudi Sept. 11 bill becomes law

The vote was a blow to Obama as well as to Saudi Arabia, one of the United States' longest-standing allies in the Arab world.

Congress on Wednesday overwhelmingly rejected President Barack Obama's veto of legislation allowing relatives of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks to sue Saudi Arabia, the first veto override of his presidency, just four months before it ends.

The House of Representatives voted 348-77 against the veto, hours after the Senate rejected it 97-1, meaning the "Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act" will become law.

Obama said he thought the Congress had made a mistake, reiterating his belief that the legislation set a dangerous precedent and indicating that he thought political considerations were behind the vote.

"If you're perceived as voting against 9/11 families right before an election, not surprisingly, that's a hard vote for people to take. But it would have been the right thing to do," he said on CNN.

Obama's 11 previous vetoes were all sustained. But this time almost all his strongest Democratic supporters in Congress joined Republicans to oppose him in one of their last actions before leaving Washington to campaign for the Nov. 8 election.

"Overriding a presidential veto is something we don't take lightly, but it was important in this case that the families of the victims of 9/11 be allowed to pursue justice, even if that pursuit causes some diplomatic discomforts," Sen. Charles Schumer, a top Senate Democrat, said in a statement.

Schumer represents New York, site of the World Trade Center and home to many of the near-



Sen. Chuck Schumer GETTY IMAGES

ly 3,000 people killed in the 2001 attacks, survivors and families of victims.

The law, known as JASTA, passed the House and Senate without objections earlier this year.

Support was fueled by impatience in Congress with Saudi Arabia over its human rights record, promotion of a severe form of Islam tied to militancy and failure to do more to ease the international refugee crisis.

The law grants an exception to the legal principle of sovereign immunity in cases of terrorism on U.S. soil, clearing the way for lawsuits seeking damages from the Saudi government.

Riyadh has denied longstanding suspicions that it backed the hijackers who attacked the United States in 2001. Fifteen of the 19 hijackers were Saudi nationals.

Family members had tied their last push for the bill to the 15th anniversary of the attacks this month, demonstrating outside the White House and Capitol. On Wednesday, two fire trucks displayed a giant U.S. flag outside the Senate.

"We rejoice in this triumph and look forward to our day in court and a time when we may finally get more answers regarding who was truly behind the attacks," Terry Strada, whose husband died in the attacks, said in a statement.

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10 NEWS

Police: Man killed near San Diego was pointing vaping device

Demonstrators have demanded a federal investigation into the Tuesday shooting.

A Southern California police officer who shot an unarmed black man pointing a vape smoking device had been at the scene for less than two minutes when he opened fire, in a killing that set off two nights of protests, a police official said on Thursday.

The incident in the San Diego suburb of El Cajon came as racially charged anger over similar incidents in two other U.S. cities over the past two weeks had started to subside.

El Cajon officer Richard Gonsalves and a colleague on the police force, whose name was not released, were responding to calls about a mentally unstable man walking in traffic, officials said.

The two officers confronted the man, Alfred Olango, a 38-year-old former refugee from Uganda, near a restaurant.

Police said Olango ignored commands to take his hand out of his pocket before he pulled out an object later determined



Protesters face-off with police in El Cajon, a suburb of San Diego, California on Sept. 28, 2016. GETTY IMAGES

to be the smoking device. Olango assumed a "shooting stance" and pointed the device, police said. No gun was ever found.

Gonsalves opened fire and the other officer discharged a Taser device, said El Cajon police spokesman Lt. Rob Ransweiler, adding the officers were at the scene for less than two minutes.

Dan Gilleon, an attorney for Olango's family, accused the officers of improperly approaching Olango and escalating the situation.

"You certainly would never, ever walk up to a person and be as close as this officer [who fired] was if you believe he is a credible threat," Gilleon said.

Instead, the officers

should have taken cover and talked to Olango from a distance to diffuse any tension, Gilleon said.

Friends and activists said Olango, who had convictions for drug and weapon offenses, may have been suffering a seizure in the moments before his death.

They also criticized police for not sending a Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT), part of a countywide program, to handle the situation. Police say that team had been dispatched to another incident.

The officers have been placed on administrative leave as El Cajon police and the San Diego County District Attorney's Office investigate the incident.

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Watchdog finds flaws in DEA's payments to sources

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's program for paying confidential sources to assist with narcotics-trafficking investigations is riddled with deficiencies that could open the door to fraud and abuse, the Justice Department's internal watchdog said on Thursday.

The Justice Department's Inspector General found in an audit that the DEA continued to pay so-called deactivated sources, or people who did not qualify to receive money because they had been ar-

rested or had committed serious crimes.

In one instance, the report says the DEA paid a source who had provided false testimony in trials and depositions. Over a five-year period, this confidential source was used by 13 different DEA field offices and paid \$469,158.

All told, the audit found that the DEA has paid about \$9.4 million to more than 800 deactivated sources from fiscal-year 2011 through 2015.

"While we did not review the circumstances of all of these payments

in depth, for available information it appears that paying deactivated sources is common enough to justify much closer managerial oversight and review of such payments," the report says.

The report also raises questions about the DEA's practice of paying so-called limited use sources, or tipsters who offer up information independently to the government.

These kinds of sources are considered low-risk, yet the audit found they were among some of the highest-paid sources. REUTERS

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FEELS BAD, MAN

TOM FOREMAN

Opinion

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Pity poor Pepe the Frog. There he was hanging out on the internet, making wry comments about texting, Pokémon Go, and urination; and suddenly he's been dragged into the presidential punch-up.

In case you need some background (heaven knows I did) here goes: Pepe is a cartoon character created in 2005 who became a popular meme with folks posting all sorts of comments next to his sad frog face. Then white supremacists started using him. Then Donald Trump Jr. posted a funny campaign picture that involved Pepe. Then the Clinton camp suggested it was further proof that Republican nominee Donald Trump is racist. And this week the Anti-Defamation League officially labeled poor Pepe a hate symbol. (Note to self: Start "Sucks to be a frog" meme.)

The Trump campaign quickly dismissed the

Clinton complaint as "ridiculous" saying its candidate "disavows all groups and individuals associated with a message of hate." Donald Trump Jr. was asked by ABC News' George Stephanopoulos about the image he posted and said "I've never even heard of Pepe the Frog. I'll bet 90 percent of your

viewers haven't heard of Pepe the Frog. I thought it was a frog in a wig. I thought it was funny. I had no idea there was any connotation there."

To be fair, in that original image Pepe was just one of 11 characters so it wasn't even all about him. Furthermore, although the ADL now calls Pepe a hate symbol, it notes "the majority of uses of Pepe the Frog have been, and continue to be, nonbigoted...posting a Pepe meme does not mean that someone is racist or white supremacist."

So is the Trump team using Pepe to wink at bigots and court their vote, or is the complaint from the Clinton campaign an unfair low blow? In a contest already rife with bitterness, either way the conduct could be called — in popular parlance — deplorable.

And here sits poor Pepe, like the proverbial frog in the pot, waiting while the water starts to boil.

BRIEF

US to open new vetting agency for 'secret' security clearances

The U.S. government will open the doors next week to a new agency, with stronger data protections, meant to shorten by many weeks the time it takes to vet government workers seeking "secret" and "top secret" security clearances.

The National Background Investigations Bureau will be headed by Charles Phalen, who has worked as a security executive at the CIA, the FBI and defense contractor Northrop

Grumman, officials said on Thursday on a conference call with reporters.

The bureau will replace an Office of Personnel Management (OPM) clearance system that was hit by hackers who stole potentially sensitive personal data on as many as 22 million people, including government employees and job applicants.

Phalen and OPM Director Beth Cobert said a top priority for the bureau will be shortening delays in the clearance process, which can hold up the hiring of government employees for

months.

Cobert said that OPM figures show on average the time required to complete an investigation for a "secret" level security clearance is now 120 days; for a "top secret" clearance, it is 170 days on average.

"These timelines are well too long," Phalen acknowledged.

Cobert said the new agency's goal would be to reduce the time for completing a "secret" clearance to 40 days and to cut the time for a "top secret" investigation to 80 days.

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Kate Hudson plays a woman whose husband (played by Mark Wahlberg) is on the BP oil rig that exploded in 2010 in "Deepwater Horizon." DAVID LEE

Kate Hudson gets teary-eyed

The actress says she was a wreck after watching her new film, "Deepwater Horizon."



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Kate Hudson has an unpopular opinion: She likes extreme heat. When we speak she's in New Orleans, where it's still hot and gross. But she's into it. "Humidity makes me so happy," she says. "My hair gets curly, my skin gets dewy. I couldn't be happier."

The actress, 37, has been down there a few times to shoot movies: "Skeleton Key," in 2005, and for her scenes in "Deepwater Horizon," the new docudrama about the eponymous BP oil rig explosion in 2010 — aka the largest environmental disaster in American history. Hudson plays the wife of one of the doomed workers (played

by Mark Wahlberg), and spends the second half of the movie wondering if he's still alive.

"Deepwater Horizon" also represents a personal milestone: It's the first time Hudson has been in the same movie as her adoptive father, Kurt Russell, who plays the rig's growly manager. Hudson recently opened up about her biological father, musician Bill Hudson, who has said that he disowned her and her brother, Oliver. Hudson told Howard Stern she forgives her father, even as she accepts his ire. She does call Russell her "pa," and is happy to share a scene with him in "Deepwater Horizon," even if it's very brief.

You and Wahlberg have a really fun, flirty chemistry in the scenes before the accident. They're not just a stock couple and she's not just a stock worrying wife.

For Mark and I, it was a bit of a tough job. You've

Acting with "Pa"

I spent a lot of the movie worried that you and your dad were in a movie together but you'd never actually share a scene. And then you two hug at the end. That hug was in an early draft of the script, which I read before I even knew my dad was going to do it. It was nice to have that, even if it was just that, and I look forward to working with him more.

got a lot of story to tell in a short amount of time; you have to condense these moments into something that felt real. We talked about how we could connect with these characters and make them the emotional center of the story. When we looked at the script, we felt all their stuff was effective, that it had been

earned. I think it was effective. I mean, I'm in it and I was a mess at the end of the movie. That's very rare for me.

Was your chemistry with him instant or did you have to work on it?
I feel like there are certain people you just have chemistry with. You don't know when it's going to happen or who it will be. Some people, just for some reason, you like them onscreen together. And some people you kind of don't. [Laughs] I think that's why in our town they do "chemistry reads." You can have two brilliant actors and put them together, and it's like watching paint dry. Or you can put two actors you wouldn't think would get along together and you'll just like watching them for some weird reason.

The big centerpiece of "Deepwater Horizon" is the rig explosion, with

people running around from explosions and fire. But your role, of a wife worrying at home, still requires emotional intensity.

This wasn't an easy movie to do, emotionally, and in terms of what we wanted to show. You're telling a true story. It's very sensitive material: These are real people who had real tragedy and real trauma. Pete [Berg, the director] would say, "You always have to have in the back of your head that the families are going to see it." That made your focus a little bit more on point. You want to be respectful to the families.



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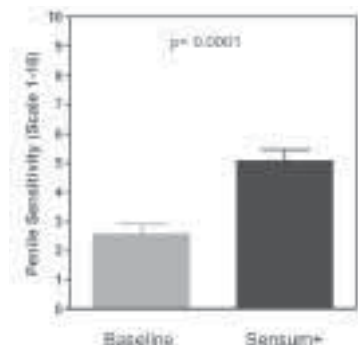
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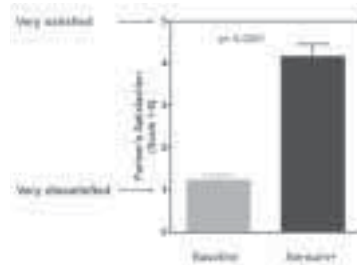
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Your guide to the New York Film Festival

Some festivals are like endless buffets, offering hundreds of titles. The New York Film Festival doesn't play like that. The fest, running from Sept. 30 through Oct. 16, is a relatively small affair, tightly curated. Here's some of the best it has to offer. Visit filmlinc.org/nyff2016 for more info.

MATT PRIGGE

THE NEWSMAKERS



"Personal Shopper" IFC FILMS

First off, there's an accidental "Twilight" reunion afoot: Between the two of them, Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson have four films at NYFF. That's because once the emo-vampire saga ended, the two each had the same idea: Skip Hollywood to team with the world's most interesting filmmakers.

So Stewart reunites with Olivier Assayas, her "Clouds of Sils Maria" auteur, for "Personal Shopper," another prickly character study (but with ghosts!). She also pops up in the three-story drama "Certain Woman," the latest from Kelly Reichardt ("Wendy & Lucy"), and "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk," a war drama that was shot in a format so radical and new that it reportedly makes

viewers feel like they're in the movie. Meanwhile, the former Edward Cullen only scores "The Lost City of Z," but it is both the closing night picture and the latest from the terrific James Gray ("The Immigrant").

One of the fest's most-anticipated titles comes fresh off storming the Telluride and Toronto film festivals. It's "Moonlight," Barry Jenkins' belated follow-up to 2008's indie romance "Medicine for Melancholy." At least it was worth the wait: Following a kid from the Miami ghetto from boyhood through young adulthood, from shy to hard, it's a devastating yet hopeful look at black American life that ought to be required viewing for Trump supporters (and everyone else).

NORTH AMERICAN MASTERS



"Manchester By the Sea" CLAIRE FOLGER

He's only made three films in 16 years, but that's enough to make Kenneth Lonergan one of the greats. In "You Can Count On Me" and "Margaret," the playwright showed he could push the boundaries of cinema. We haven't yet seen his latest, "Manchester By the Sea," but by all accounts it's further step-up, with Casey Affleck struggling with the recent death of his brother (played by the world's current most likable actor, Kyle Chandler).

Jim Jarmusch is still pushing himself in new directions,

too, finding new ways to surprise us four decades on. "Paterson" might be his most soothing film yet, following a low-key poet/bus driver played by Adam Driver in the opposite of his Kylo Ren vein. The director Mike Mills ("Beginners") is still relatively green, so we're interested to see what happens with "20th Century Women," set in Santa Barbara in 1979 and concerning a single mother (Annette Bening) and the coterie (including Greta Gerwig and Elle Fanning) who share her bohemian house.

CROWD-PLEASERS

To grossly generalize, many of the filmmakers regularly feted by NYFF tend toward the austere. One of the best films of the fest, Maren Ade's "Toni Erdmann," though, sounds a lot like a German Adam Sandler movie, only almost three hours long. Indeed, it shares almost the same plot as "That's My Boy": An eccentric father (Peter Simonischek) tries to save his grown, semi-estranged child (Sandra Hüller) from a workaholic life, then almost destroys it. Can a movie be narratively challenging, emotionally raw and gut-bustingly funny? Apparently! It's been too long since

Ade's last film, 2009's funny-spikey "Everyone Else," but at least the German filmmaker didn't have to wait as long as New Zealand's Alison Maclean. In 1999, she made the terrific "Jesus' Son." Then nada (apart from shorts and TV work). Her first feature in 17 years is "The Rehearsal," a sprightly and empathetic look at youths in a drama school. At least there will always be another Pedro Almodovar film. Witness "Julietta," another of his lush, mildly self-aware, time-jumping melodramas, this one about a woman (Adriana Ugarte) reckoning with her messy life.



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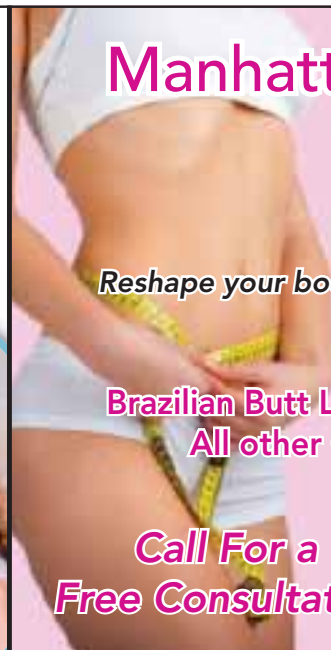
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"Elle" SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Is Paul Verhoeven considered one of the greats? He should be. He's made some of Hollywood's most crazy hits: "RoboCop," "Basic Instinct" and that vulgar masterpiece "Showgirls." No, we're not kidding about the latter. And if you need further proof that Verhoeven knows exactly what he's doing, witness "Elle," his first proper film in nine years. Isabelle Huppert plays a woman who is raped in the first scene, and what follows is both psychologically fascinating and (no, really, trust

us) darkly funny. It plays like a typical French character study, but deep down it's the most messed-up film he's ever made.

Let's globe-trot. For Romanian New Wave fare, you have your pick of both "Sieranevada," which finds Cristi Puiu ("The Death of Mr. Lazarescu") observing a chaotic family gathering; and "Graduation," from Cristian Mungiu ("4 Weeks, 3 Days, 2 Months"), which charts the fallout when a father tries to help his daughter cheat on her

exams. In South Korea, Hong Sang-soo does his thing — cryptic looks at stupid, horny, soju-swilling men — with "Yourself and Yours." Over in Brazil, we witness a killer Sonia Braga facing down house hunters in "Aquarius." And in Chile, we see Pablo Larraín ("No") not once but twice, with both "Neruda" (about Pablo) and the just-added Natalie Portman-starrer "Jackie" (about Onassis) — both biopics that radically play with the genre's boundaries.

DOCUMENTARIES



"13th" NETFLIX

Usually the opening-night film is a splashy, star-studded work of fiction. This year, the NYFF committee decided to give its kick-off slot to "13th," the first film Ava DuVernay has made since "Selma" and a blistering, vital look at the history of racism in America, and how it never actually went away. Surely there will be some crossover with "I Am Not Your Negro," Raoul Peck's film essay, which takes inspiration from James Baldwin's unfinished final manuscript "Remember This House."

Documentaries are

sometimes thought of as mere journalism, but something like "Fire at Sea" — about Europe's migrant crisis — uses the medium as a way to create sensations and experiences as striking as any fiction film. Errol Morris is one of the kings of stylish nonfiction, and while "The B-Side: Elsa Dorfman's Portrait Photography" isn't as in-your-face as "The Thin Blue Line" or "The Fog of War," that's also because it's the nicest film he's ever made, starring someone nobody in the world could not love.

Elsewhere, Steve James ("Hoop Dreams") returns with "Abacus: Small Enough to Jail," which chronicles a Chinatown bank that undeservingly became the only financial institution prosecuted in the wake of the 2008 economic catastrophe. Jazz trumpeteer Lee Morgan gets profiled in "I Called Him Morgan," and we get to learn about the Stasi in "Karl Marx City." And watch as the New York Ballet's principal dancer faces the limits of her aging body in "Restless Creature: Wendy Whelan."

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The bruised and battered Jets face an equally injured Seahawks squad. GETTY IMAGES

Jets are at a serious crossroads in Week 4

The Seattle Seahawks (2-1) are still considered among the league's elite, but they're a banged-up outfit at key positions. Their franchise quarterback, Russell Wilson, is hobbled with an MCL sprain. Their star tight end, Jimmy Graham, is still working his way back from a surgically repaired right patella tendon rupture from last season. Their starting running back, Thomas Rawls, is out a few weeks with a hairline fracture in his fibula — although his stand-in, Christine Michael, may be even better. And the Seahawks must travel east and play a 1 p.m. game, which means their collective body clocks will still be on 10 a.m. time.

All those factors are working against the Seahawks, but can the Jets (1-2) take advantage of them and exorcise the ghosts of Kansas City past?

Head coach Todd Bowles noted that the team had their "come-to-Jesus meeting" following the debacle at Arrowhead, with the hope that his team has put that performance in the past in order to fully give the

Seahawks the proper attention they deserve.

Although New York has the 21st-ranked pass defense, their pass rush could be a great band-aid, so look for Seattle to use Michael a lot early to slowly drain Gang Green and also keep the pressure off whichever quarterback is under center.

This game is very important for the Jets, mainly because the AFC East may already be decided with the New England Patriots sitting at 3-0, even without the services of Tom Brady. But second place could still bring a Wild Card berth, so falling to 1-3 this early in a competitive AFC could be an uphill battle for Gang Green. New York already has two losses within the conference, so they really can't afford to be passed by in the standings. The Miami Dolphins kick off this week with a Thursday night affair in Cincinnati to play an ornery Bengals squad that is coming off a surprising home loss to the Denver Broncos. And the Buffalo Bills head to New England, having lost 23 of its last 25 contests to them. **TONY WILLIAMS**

Things to watch as banged-up Jets, Seahawks square off

Both squads will be missing some key players when things kick off Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Both the Jets and Seahawks enter Sunday's tilt banged up and with question marks surrounding key players.

Sitting at 1-2 and desperately needing a win, the Jets will need to take advantage of the plights facing the Seahawks (2-1). First and foremost, the visitors will be engaging in an early 1 p.m. kickoff, which should affect their collective body clocks — and it's worth noting the Seahawks lost both games last year when traveling to the East Coast and playing a 1 p.m. game.

Second, quarterback Russell Wilson is coming to MetLife Stadium hobbled, dealing with a sprained MCL. And if he can't go, it'll be up to undrafted rookie Trevone Boykin to pick up the slack.

Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll noted that Wilson has been "doing remarkably well" and has been a full participant in practice this week, adding he'd "be surprised" if his quarterback can't play. Wilson himself added he's "pretty determined" to face the Jets and has done everything he can to be ready, including waking up in the middle of the night for treatments and admitting that he'll be donning a knee brace for the game.

A highly competitive player, the Jets should certainly prepare for Wilson to suit up and start. How long he lasts will be up to Gang Green's vicious pass rush. They'll need to replicate their defensive performance from the last time they played at home, when they sacked Bengals' quarterback Andy Dalton seven times and mauled him on several other pass attempts. Wilson is one of the more feared scrambling quarterbacks in the league, but with a bulky knee brace, he may be a sitting duck.



Week 4 will test whether Ryan Fitzpatrick has a short enough memory to bounce back. GETTY IMAGES

If the Jets' pass rush gets to him early and often, it'll increase their chances of knocking off the Seahawks and getting back to .500.

Metro takes a look at other key storylines to watch, as the Seahawks visit MetLife Stadium.

1 Dimming star power

Wilson isn't the only star player whose malady can slow him down or even keep him out of the lineup, as the Jets are dealing with issues as well. Eric Decker's shoulder got banged up in the Kansas City loss and has been undergoing tests. Brandon Marshall is still hobbled from his knee and foot injury that he suffered in Week 2 at Buffalo. Rookie wideout and primary return specialist Jalin Marshall is out with an injured labrum. Cornerback Darrelle Revis didn't practice on Wednesday, due to an ankle issue — although head coach Todd Bowles said it shouldn't be an issue come Sunday. And both running back Matt Forte (knee) and left tackle Ryan Clady (shoulder) have been limited in practice all week. All but

the wideouts should be fully recovered by Sunday, but they'll need Marshall and Decker to be as close to ready as possible. Because if the Jets' two best receivers aren't able bodied, there's no chance New York beats Seattle shorthanded.

2 Picking up the slack

With the star receivers hobbled, look for a lot of the offense to run through Forte. It would likely have been the game plan anyway, just to keep the aggressive Seahawks honest, as to not key on simply stopping the passing game. The all-purpose running back has gotten off to a fast start this season (sixth-best 261 yards) and has picked up an admirer along the way.

"Matt Forte is obviously a Hall of Famer," said Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett. "There are a lot of running backs in the NFL that get so much credit, and then there are some that don't get any credit. I think Matt Forte is a guy that gets discredited a lot. If you look at the way that he runs the ball, the way that he catches, he gets credit

because he is a complete back. He does everything that a running back is supposed to do, whether it's blocking, catching, screen game, draw game, running, he's just a great player all around. And if you're not ready, he can cut back and he's always getting positive yards."

Bennett is very critical and outspoken of players — especially ones he dislikes — so those kudos means he earnestly believes Forte can be a major disruption on Sunday.

3 Legion of Boom

Not only do they have a great nickname, but the Seahawks' secondary is one of the best units in the league. Through three games, Seattle has the No. 1 defense, allowing just 250 total yards per game and 12 points per contest. Richard Sherman and Co. are a mighty test for any receiving corps, let alone one that's as banged up the Jets will field on Sunday. The Seahawks haven't allowed a receiving touchdown all season, not good news for a Jets offense that has had struggles in the red zone.

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Doc still frustrated with Darryl

The former Mets star sat down for an exclusive chat with Metro.



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Calling himself clean and sober, former All-Star pitcher Doc Gooden told Metro on Wednesday night that he was deeply hurt and disappointed by recent accusations from former teammate Darryl Strawberry.

A few weeks ago, Strawberry called Gooden a "junkie addict," leading to concern that the former Cy Young winner had relapsed and was on drugs. Gooden has had a checkered past including jail time and has publicly battled addiction in years past. Speculation centered on his appearance in recent weeks.

But speaking at an autograph signing at Miami Mike's Sports Zone held in conjunction with JAG Sports Marketing, Gooden said he is good and has been sober "Almost four years." He sounded visibly hurt and frustrated by Strawberry's recent remarks.

"It's very frustrating when you have someone spreading rumors who is supposed to be a friend take shots like that. He's been taking shots at me since '86, really. A guy like

that you have to pray for him and walk away really," Gooden told Metro. "It's frustrating. People who really know me know my heart. I'm healthy. It's just a bunch of rumors."

At Miami Mike's, Gooden was greeted by well over 150 fans on hand at the family-friendly sports restaurant in north Jersey. Chants and cheers mingled for Gooden with the New York Mets game on television.

Gooden and Strawberry were the faces of the Mets franchise during a successful stint in the 1980s that culminated in their World Series win in 1986.

"It's definitely hurtful," Gooden said. "Someone who doesn't know you is one thing. But someone that smiles to your face and says he's your friend and then they say that, it's very sad and very distasteful. They have to deal with God on that. I pray for him and wish him the best."

Strawberry is currently a pastor living in Missouri and frequently speaks on his own battle with addiction. Currently, Gooden tells Metro he is spending time with his son in Maryland, watching him play football, basketball and baseball.

"I'm very healthy," Gooden said. "I feel great. If I was doing something wrong, everyone would know. But I feel great."

More from Doc

Doc hopes Tebow makes it to big leagues

Count Doc Gooden as among those on the Tim Tebow bandwagon. The former New York Mets and New York Yankees ace is excited about the former football star who is now trying his hand at baseball.

In his first game in the minor leagues, Tebow took the first pitch of his first at bat and sent the ball over the right field fence. Earlier this month, Tebow signed a minor league deal with the New York Mets as the former NFL quarterback and Heisman winner appears willing to move on from playing professional football.

At an event at Miami Mike's Sports Zone run in conjunction with JAG Marketing, Gooden talked about his thoughts on Tebow's first pitch home run to start his baseball career. In fact, it sounds like Gooden wants to see Tebow in the blue and orange and at Citi Field next year.

"I thought it was great that he did that. He's living the dream and playing. It's super," Gooden told Metro at the event at Miami Mike's. "I hope he makes it, it would be a big inspiration to a lot of people."

Tebow finished his first game 1 for 6. KRISTIAN DYER



Doc Gooden and Darryl Strawberry have had a long and storied history. GETTY IMAGES

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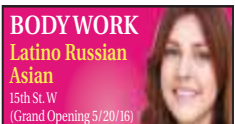
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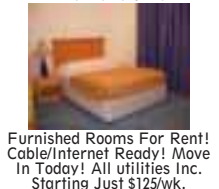
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- 9 Advice giver
- 13 Survey finding
- 14 Nearer the facts
- 15 Send in the taxes
- 16 Belgian river
- 17 Old keepsake
- 18 Creme caramel
- 19 Jungle jaunt
- 21 Yech!
- 22 Linen vestments
- 23 Dallas cagers
- 25 Basil or oregano
- 27 Enlivens
- 31 Comfort
- 35 "Garfield" pooch
- 36 Anguished wail
- 38 Perry's secretary
- 39 Yellow moths
- 40 Tee partner
- 42 -- Alamos, N.M.
- 43 Alpaca kin
- 46 Dry and withered
- 47 Ascended
- 48 Fall upon
- 50 Went off course
- 52 Mutant heroes of comics (hyph.)
- 54 Hockey goals
- 55 Debate side
- 58 Pentagon grp.

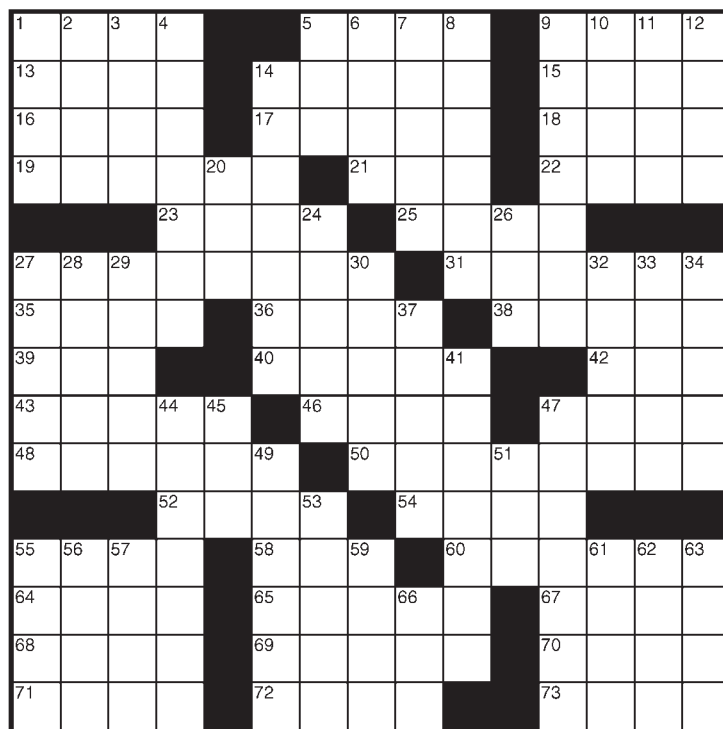
- 60 Rafter's challenge
- 64 Tower over
- 65 "Ninotchka" name
- 67 "-- Around" (Beach Boys tune)
- 68 Cafe handout
- 69 PC memo
- 70 Plane tip
- 71 Lissome
- 72 Uncommon
- 73 Firm grasp

Down

- 1 Howls at the moon
- 2 Bear constellation
- 3 Coral ridge
- 4 Town in oaters

- 5 Suffix for forfeit
- 6 Crewmate of Uhura
- 7 Stable response
- 8 Bends backward
- 9 Pleasant
- 10 Beak
- 11 Not be discreet
- 12 Cravings
- 14 Petty
- 20 U.K. fliers
- 24 Monica of the courts
- 26 Curtain hanger
- 27 Monsieur's shout
- 28 Archaeology finds
- 29 Passport companions
- 30 Kept
- 32 Parcel out
- 33 By a whisker
- 34 Facilitated
- 37 Tornado warning
- 41 Quite a few
- 44 Most possible
- 45 Intention
- 47 Speaking hoarsely
- 49 Account book
- 51 Give -- -- rest!
- 53 -- Jean Baker
- 55 Mendicant's cry
- 56 Year-end tune
- 57 Pop's -- Tennille
- 59 Cherished
- 61 Russian epic hero
- 62 Bandleader Arnaz
- 63 Dance move
- 66 Attach

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Aries Doing too much too quickly will be a bad idea. A last-minute change will alter the outcome of a situation that can make or break you financially.



Taurus Mix and mingle with people who could contribute to your goals. A financial offer looks promising and should not be set aside. Act now and prosper.



Gemini Social activities that require less talk will work well for you. If you engage in pastimes that are geared toward a healthier lifestyle, a new opportunity will develop.



Cancer Emotions will be difficult to control when dealing with domestic and family matters. Listen and try to be reasonable in order to avoid an argument.



Leo Be open to suggestions, but don't be willing to take someone's word as gospel. Do your own fact-finding and make decisions based on what works for you.



Virgo Don't let anxiety and anger take control. Put your best foot forward and do something that will make you feel good about yourself and your accomplishments.

Yesterday's answers

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EDY	RHO	
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GNAT	STEW	SENSE

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Libra Indulgence will be costly. Keep things in perspective and act responsibly when dealing with domestic and family matters. An offer you receive is better than you think.



Scorpio Don't fall into someone's trap. It's OK to offer people help, but doing the work while someone else takes credit will put you in an awkward position. Steer clear of users.



Sagittarius Don't get distracted when you should maintain discipline until you finish workload. Time is on your side, so do the best you can and avoid interference.



Capricorn Go over your personal papers and examine matters that concern you. See how you can help a cause you believe in. Arguing will not solve your problems.



Aquarius Whether you apply for a better position or invest in something, monetary benefits are in sight. Plan a financial strategy that will help build your assets.



Pisces Your intuition will guide you when dealing with financial, medical or legal matters. Follow your heart and take action based on your needs. EUGENIA LAST



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